

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Magistrate M. Keith Siskin upon being appointed to oversee the 16th Judicial District Circuit Court.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Magistrate M. Keith Siskin, who was recently appointed to oversee the 16th Judicial District Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, Magistrate Siskin earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Vanderbilt University in 1994 and earned his Juris Doctorate degree *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1997; during his time in law school, he served as Editor-In-Chief of the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from law school, Keith Siskin moved to Murfreesboro and accepted a position as Law Clerk of the Chancery Court for Rutherford County, in which position he served for one year before accepting a position with a law firm in Nashville and then founding his own law practice in Murfreesboro, which focused primarily on family law and juvenile court matters; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Magistrate Siskin was appointed by Judge Donna Scott Davenport as Juvenile Court Referee; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, Keith Siskin has presided over both civil and criminal cases, including parentage, child support, child custody and visitation, dependency, neglect, abuse, and delinquency matters; and

WHEREAS, Magistrate Siskin has also been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Keith Siskin has served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association and as a member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Andrew Jackson American Inn of Court, and the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as First Vice President of the Murfreesboro Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Magistrate Siskin was one of thirteen law practitioners to apply for the 16th Judicial District Circuit Court judgeship in August 2012, and he was one of three to be selected for consideration by the Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission before becoming the final candidate; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Keith Siskin is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sheri, and his two stepdaughters, Micah and Shae; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is undoubtedly a better place to live because of the life and service of Keith Siskin; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Magistrate Siskin who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Keith Siskin for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute judicial leadership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Magistrate M. Keith Siskin upon being appointed to oversee the 16th Judicial District Circuit Court, thank him for his meritorious

service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.